Central Committee Meeting Minutes
American Fork Junior High
1/17/2026 – 9:00 AM

Chair: Cristy Henshaw, UCRP Chair
Secretary: Kirby Glad, UCRP Secretary

Prayer: Page Gordon
National Anthem Dave Jackman
Pledge of Allegiance: Kraig Thorne
Platform Plank Reading: Nathan Young
Individual responsibility and accountability are necessary for government to operate within the limited powers granted by the divinely inspired Constitution of the United States of America in keeping with the principles established by our Founding Fathers. We believe a society can only remain free when the majority of its members lead spiritually grounded and morally upright lives and are willing to become involved to preserve these values. We support the "Rule of Law" and believe in upholding the law of the land.

Congressman Kennedy addressed the body.

URP Chair Rob Axon addressed the body.

Chair Report - Cristy Henshaw – see slides below

Christy vacated the chair and Charles Wood assumed the chair

Parliamentary Tips – Kirby Glad

Point of clarification – no such thing, Point of Information, No such thing, Request for Information is for getting information not giving information.
Division of the Question, Consideration by Paragraph were explained

Approval of Minutes of 11/8/25, approved without correction

Officer Reports:

Caucus Training - Keri Guinn – See slides below

Vice Chair - Charles Wood

Derek Bunn moved to authorize the municipal endorsements in perpetuity.
Mike Sims raised a point of order that Bylaw 11 requires prior notice
The chair ruled the point is well taken and the motion is out of order.

The following statement of censure was read by Charles Wood
Statement of Censure from the Utah County Republican Party of Utah County Commissioner Amelia Powers Gardner

December 15, 2025

The Utah County Republican Party has censured Utah County Commissioner Amelia Powers Gardner for issues regarding the credential challenge that occurred during the Utah County Republican Party's special election nominating convention for Senate District 21 on November 2, 2024.

Upon receipt of a formal complaint, the Party initiated a thorough and impartial investigation into the claims and the surrounding information. That investigation has now concluded.

The complaint was brought by 17 delegates attending the meeting alleging that Commissioner Gardner had moved out of Senate District 21 and was not eligible to vote at the special election of November 2, 2024. The complainants had gathered evidence, such as public property records and statements made by family members and neighbors of the Powers family.

The investigative committee, comprised of XX people met for a total of XX hours and carefully reviewed and verified the evidence submitted, as well as obtaining more evidence and documents, and also interviewed Powers, who voluntarily appeared before the investigation committee.

In accordance with UCRP bylaws, hearing was held by the Executive Committee on November 21, 2025 where the evidence was presented and Commissioner Gardner was present and allowed to speak in her defense.

The evidence presented includes:

During the November 2 credential challenge, she specifically said, speaking before all of the delegates, that "I own a home in Pleasant Grove. I pay utilities in Pleasant Grove". This was clearly heard on a video recording of the meeting.

Based on the statements made at the meeting, the delegates voted to allow her to vote in the election.

However, subsequent investigation revealed that public records show the home in Pleasant Grove was sold on October 9, 2024, and that Powers had applied for a mortgage for a home in Lehi, and was in fact sleeping and living in the Lehi home. Gardner admitted that at the time of the special election she was living in the home in Lehi under an arrangement of rent-to-own.

Utility bill records, and her own admission, show that her name was already on a utility account for the house in Lehi, beginning in mid October. She submitted travel reimbursement forms to the county showing travel from the Lehi home in October.

Additionally, while Powers claimed residence in Pleasant Grove on November 2, she voted in the general election as a resident of Lehi on November 5. When asked during the hearing what had changed between the 2nd and the 5th she replied, that she had received a utility bill for the Lehi home in the mail. This clearly shows the Lehi utility account was established in her name much earlier.

Residence, as defined in Utah Code, is that your residence is based on where you intend to live in the future according to [code citation here].

Furthermore, UCRP bylaws have a very simple standard. You are no longer a delegate for an area when you have moved out of the area, which was clearly the case.

Based on this, and other evidence, and after hearing the defense presented by Commissioner Gardner, the Executive Committee determined, by a vote of 18 to 2,

1. Commissioner Gardner she was not eligible to participate in the special election in Senate District 21 on November 2, 2024
2. The statements she made to the assembled delegates on November 2, 2024that "I own a house in Pleasant Grove. I pay utilities in Pleasant Grove" were false.

Based on these findings, Commission Gardner was found guilty of misrepresentation [insert the exact language from the motion] by a vote of 17 to 3, and the penalty of Censure was voted by the Executive Committee.

Utah County Republican Party Chair
Utah County Republican Party Secretary

Request for Information – was the vote on the censure recorded. No it was by ballot

Secretary Report - Kirby Glad – see slides below

Some options were recommended regarding the Special Rules of Order

Legend Changes in **bold**, insertions in **underline**, struck language in ~~**strikeout.**~~

Option A – keep existing rule without change

Special Rule of Order #3

Debate In Central Committee Meetings

1. Debate on any main motion, together with its secondary motions, is limited to 10 minutes total, with individual speeches limited to 90 seconds, which can be extended to 15 minutes total and 2 minute speeches by a majority vote.
2. These limits can be expanded to any amount, or suspended, by a 2/3 vote
3. The motion for Previous Question is not in order on any motion until at least 2 people have spoken on the motion.

Option B – Amend

1. Debate on any main motion~~**, together with its secondary motions, is limited to 10 minutes total, with individual speeches limited to 90 seconds, which can be extended to 15 minutes total and 2 minute speeches by a majority vote.**~~ **underline will begin with a 4 minute speech by the mover, followed by 4 speakers opposed and 4 speakers in favor, limited to 90 seconds per speaker.**

2. These limits can be expanded to any amount, or suspended, by a 2/3 vote
3. The motion for Previous Question is not in order on any motion ~~**until at least 2 people have spoken on the motion.**~~ **unless the time limits have been expanded**

Option C- Amend as follows:

1. Debate on any main motion, together with its secondary motions, is limited to 10 minutes total, with individual speeches limited to 90 seconds, which can be extended to 15 minutes total and 2 minute speeches by a majority vote. **The following exceptions are outside of the total time limit:**
    a. **The first speech by the sponsor, which is limited to 4 minutes**
    b. **Requests for Information, with answers, can be made for an additional total of 3 minutes. This does not limit Requests for Information within the total time limit.**
2. These limits can be expanded to any amount, or suspended, by a 2/3 vote
3. The motion for Previous Question is not in order on any motion until at least 2 people have spoken on the motion.

Mac Sims moved to adopt option C

Mike Carpenter moved to substitute option B for Option C

Motion to amend option B from 90 Seconds to 60 Seconds- Amendment Lost

Kirby moved to amend option B to remove all changes in paragraph 3- Amendment Adopted

Charles Pipkin moved to postpone the motion to the next Central Committee meeting
Motion to postpone Lost

On the motion to amend B to remove the changes on Paragraph 3- Adopted

On the motion to substitute B or C –
Adopted
The amendment then becomes:

1. Debate on any main motion~~**, together with its secondary motions, is limited to 10 minutes total, with individual speeches limited to 90 seconds, which can be extended to 15 minutes total and 2 minute speeches by a majority vote.**~~ **will begin with a 4 minute speech by the mover, followed by 4 speakers opposed and 4 speakers in favor, limited to 90 seconds per speaker.**

On the adoption of amendment to the Special Rule of Order
Adopted by a 2/3 vote

Marilyn Momeny moved to approve the appointment of
Christina Crawford Ballard, District 55 Chair
John Johannesmeyer, District 55 Vice Chair
Adopted

Treasurer - Mark Cluff (By Kirby Glad) see slides below

Dallon Bundy moved to approve the expenditures of the following, only from current funds
$25,000 for Lincoln Day Dinner
$20,000, for caucus expenditures
Adopted

C&B Committee Report – Ben Summerhalder

Ben Summerhalder, on behalf of the C&B Committee moved to adopt B2026-03 – Bylaw 7 Midterm Vacancy Replacements of Republican Elected Officials

Legend: Changes with additions **underlined** and deletions having a **~~strikethrough~~**, all in **bold.**

Bylaw 7 – Midterm Vacancy Replacements of Republican Elected Officials

~~A. In a midterm vacancy of a Republican Utah State Senator or House Representative for a district entirely within Utah County and in accordance with Utah Code 20A-1-503.2 and 3, the Party shall~~

~~1. Such election shall follow the same voting procedures and rules used for Nominating Conventions as outlined in Bylaw 6, Section D, governing the selection of Party candidates, except as modified below.~~

~~a. If, after the round of balloting in which only two candidates remain, neither candidate receives at least sixty percent of the votes cast, the vote totals for each candidate shall be announced and voting proceed one last time. The candidate who then receives the most votes shall be the replacement~~

~~b. In the case of a tie between the two remaining candidates, the selection shall be determined by a coin toss.~~

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~~C.~~ **A.** Eligibility. Any candidate who was registered as a Republican in the most recent general election, **who is in good standing with the party, has lived within the boundaries of the elected office for more than six (6) months** and is currently eligible to file as a Republican candidate may file for a midterm vacancy.

1. If the vacancy occurs after the convention in an election year, and the party has selected a single candidate for the general election, the nominee will be offered the vacancy without opposition. In the case of more than one nominee being selected at the convention, the election will be held between the two nominees selected at convention.

B. Election procedures

1. The election process will be done in successive rounds of paper ballots. After each round, the candidate with the lowest number of votes will be removed until a single candidate has reached a majority. Multiple candidates may be removed after each round if their vote totals do not equal that of the next highest candidate.

2. In the case of a tie between the final candidates, another vote will be held to attempt to break the tie. If there is no change, the selection shall be determined by a coin toss. If the tie is between more than two (2) candidates, a suitable game of chance will be used to eliminate one of the candidates and then a new round will be held.

3. The above procedures will be used in all midterm vacancies except in the case of the County Attorney, which requires the party to submit three (3) nominees for the legislative body to choose from, where the above process will be used in selecting each nominee from the remaining candidates. As stated in section A.1, the nominees for this office will be given an automatic spot on the list.

~~B.~~ **C.** The following criteria shall be used to determine the timeline and candidate events that will be held for special conventions**~~/ (~~**elections~~)~~.

~~4.~~ **1.** The filing window for candidacy in a special convention will be a minimum of five (5) days.

~~1.~~ **2.** The Steering Committee shall determine dates and times for the candidacy filing window, candidate events, and the special convention.

3. **Notice of the special convention must be given to attendees at least seven (7) days beforehand.**

~~3.~~ **4.** There shall be a minimum of two (2) party-sponsored **in-person** candidate events**, one of which may be held on the day of the election.**

5. Upon official notice from the appropriate legislative body of a vacancy, a special election must be held according to the following:

a. Vacancies in the Legislature will be held in accordance with the pertinent sections of Utah Code 20A-1-503~~.2 and 3~~

~~D. In a midterm vacancy of one of the following Utah County Republican Elected Officials: Commissioner, Treasurer, Sheriff, Clerk/Auditor, Surveyor, Recorder, or Assessor and in accordance with Utah Code 20A-1-508; the Central Committee shall elect a replacement.~~

b. Vacancies in the county elected offices will be held in accordance with **the pertinent sections of** Utah Code 20A-1-508~~; the Central Committee shall elect a replacement.~~

i. The special convention **of the Central Committee** must be held ~~within 45~~ **no later than 30** days ~~of the elected official's resignation announcement unless Utah Code indicates a different deadline~~ **after the party liaison has received official notice of the vacancy by the legislative body.**

~~E. In a midterm vacancy for the County Attorney and in accordance with Utah Code 20A-1-509.5.C.,~~

c. Vacancies in the county attorney will be held in accordance with **the pertinent sections of** Utah Code 20A-1-509~~.5.C~~

i. The special convention of the Central Committee must be held no later than 30 days after the party liaison has received official notice of the vacancy by the legislative body.

ii. Additional filing days may be granted by the Party Chair and a majority vote of the Steering Committee, based on the number of applicants

~~F.~~ **D.** In a "Temporary absence" for a military leave of a Republican elected official and in accordance with **the pertinent sections of** Utah Code 20A-1-513~~.5.b.ii.A.,~~ the replacement shall be elected in the same manner as a midterm vacancy for the office being vacated as noted in this bylaw.

~~G.~~ **E.** The Party Chair and Secretary, in accordance with Utah Code 20A-1-503-513, shall certify the selection.

Stan Jensen moved strike “may” and insert “must” , and insert “or exceed” after “do not equal”

Michael Murdock moved amended “Must” to “Shall”

Secondary Amendment Adopted without objection

Amendment Adopted amendment

Doug Thomas Moved to strike the multiple candidates section

Amendment Lost

Bylaws adopted by 2/3 vote

Charkes vacated the chair in favor of Ben Summerhalder

Charles moved to adopt the platform amendment – see the text at the end of the minutes

Mike Murcoch Moved to adopt limitations of debate

Each section shall be considered individually

Each section may be debated for no more than 5 minutes, with no more than 60 seconds per speaker. Time may not be extended for any given section.

The previous question may not be called on any section - but if there is no one who wishes to speak to the section, the chair may call for the vote before the end of the 5 minutes.

No amendments may be proposed to any section, with the exception that minor grammatical corrections may be suggested and accepted by acclamation only.

Each section shall receive a simple up or down vote. If the result of any vote is unclear, the vote on the proposed section shall be considered failed - the chair shall not order a manual vote count.

The consideration of proposed platform changes sections shall only go for one hour in total. After this time, any unconsidered proposal sections shall be deferred to the next central committee meeting. However, this time limit may be extended by a majority vote.

There not being 2/3 in favor the motion is lost

Thomas moved to strike **“Institutions of Higher Education should be self-funded”**

Mac Sims moved the previous question on all pending questions

Adopted by 2/3

The motion to strike was lost

The motion to adopt the platform was adopted by a 2/3 vote

Ben Summerhalder vacated the chair in favor of Charles Wood

New Business

Rob McMIllan moved to Censure the Federal Administration.

Derek Bunn made a Point of Order that the party is not authorized to censure the Federal Administration

The Point of Order was not well taken.

Derek Bunn appealed the ruling of the chair

The ruling of the chair was not upheld and the motion for censure is ruled out of order by the body

Tyler moved to consider all four resolutions together
Several members demanded a division of the question for each resolution

Tyler moved to suspend the rules to consider all resolutions together
There not being 2/3 in favor the motion is lost

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION AFFIRMING LOCAL CONTROL ON PLANNING AND ZONING FOR UTAH MUNICIPALITIES
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Utah County Republican Party Central Committee urges the Utah Legislature to honor its historic commitment to local control by:
1. Granting municipalities greater statutory authority over local affairs, including planning, zoning, and land use, with the presumption that these are local matters;
2. Requiring any state preemption of local authority to be justified by clear, multiple-source data with substantial evidence of statewide concern and narrowly tailored in scope;
3. Protecting local zoning ordinances from legislative override absent a supermajority vote and compelling statewide interest;
4. Recusing themselves from voting if they have any conflicts of interests;
5. Cease all appropriations for public information and/or propaganda campaigns regarding housing;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that keeping planning and zoning authority local ensures that decisions are informed by on-the-ground reality rather than curated data, oversimplified economic theories, or the profit motives of large developers—producing fairer outcomes, stronger communities, and cleaner government; and if this resolution passes, this body DIRECTS that copies (emails) of this resolution be sent to all Republican Utah Legislators and all municipalities.

Amendment to strike “public information and”
Amendment is lost
Resolution Adopted

Motion to adjourn
Adopted

Adjourned: 1:30 pm

PREAMBLE

We the members of the Utah County Republican Party do hereby affirm our belief and trust in God and that it was through His intervention that this nation was established. The foundation of our platform is the knowledge that all people are created equal and that the role of government should be limited to protecting and preserving the God-given rights of life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, and the ownership and control of property. **Morality and virtue are the foundation of a republic and necessary for a society to be free.** ~~**And**~~ **I**n order to identify our Party and our elected officials with certain shared values and principles, **and in order to put these principles into governance,** we do hereby present this platform to convention delegates and the public and invite all who share these values and principles to vote for Republican candidates. **(Utah Constitution: Preamble; Article I, Sections 1, 2 & 22)**

PROPER ROLE OF CITIZENS

Individual responsibility and accountability are necessary for the government to operate within the limited powers granted by the divinely inspired Constitution of the United States of America **and the Constitution of the State of Utah** in keeping with the principles established by our Founding Fathers. We believe a society can only remain free when the majority of its members lead spiritually grounded and morally upright lives and are willing to ~~become involved~~ **participate in civic responsibilities** to preserve these values. We support the "Rule of Law" and believe in upholding the law of the land. **The overturning of immoral or unconstitutional laws, orders, and opinions should take legislative priority. Jury nullification is a vital check on legislation. (Utah Constitution: Preamble; Article I, Sections 1 & 2; Article VI, Section 28)**

PROPER ROLE OF GOVERNMENT

The proper role of government at all levels is to protect each person's unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and each individual's right to own and control property. **Unalienable rights protected by the Constitution should not be subject to statutes of limitations.** Any other rights or privileges should not be construed or applied in any way to infringe on our God-given unalienable rights. **We believe that sexual orientation, gender identity or marital status should not receive special legal protections or privileges beyond those afforded to all individuals. (Utah Constitution: Article I, Sections 1 & 22; Article VI, Section 28)**

Separation of Powers

Our system is derived on the premise of separation of authority into three distinct but equal branches. Abduction or usurpation of another branch's authority is an assault on the foundations of our Republic. Power designated to each branch must stay with that branch and government should never be transferred to corporations. (US Constitution: Articles I, II, & III)

State's Sovereignty

The states vest in the national government, specific enumerated powers and retain all others to themselves or the people. Therefore, the state has the right and specific duty to protect those rights for the citizens. (US Constitution: Amendment IX and X. Utah Constitution: Article 1, Section 2 & Article 1, Section 8).

Freedom of Speech

Individuals have an inherent right to expressions and demonstrations of free speech, which are foundational to a free society, and must be protected. With the exception of certain workplace conduct, government-influenced discrimination against individuals or organizations because of their political opinions or statements is a violation of this right. Government must be prohibited from social scoring, compelled speech, restriction of access to services, or tracking of activities based on speech. Government or government actors have no role in determining misinformation and may not evaluate or act upon the content of free speech. (Bill of Rights: 1st Amendment. Utah Constitution: Article I, Sections 1 & 15)

Social Media

Social media platforms function as modern forums for public discourse and–outside of obscene content–should not engage in viewpoint-based censorship or otherwise delegate the limits of the authority to censor. Government must not ban anonymity. Government-mandated presentation of credentials to participate on social media is a violation of privacy. Administrators of privately managed groups on social media have the right to delete, remove, block, or censor. Parents have the right and responsibility to manage their children's access to social media. (Utah Constitution: Article I, Sections 7, 15 & 23)

Freedom of Religion

God is our supreme Sovereign, and the sole source of our rights. We must, therefore, be free to worship Him in public and private. Government ~~should not~~ **holds no authority to** restrict public prayer or other forms of public religious expression. **(Bill of Rights: 1st Amendment. Utah Constitution: Article 1, Section 4)**

Right to Bear Arms

The right of individuals to keep and bear arms must not be infringed. **The government shall not restrict the use of arms by citizens to protect themselves, others, and property. We do not support the removal, suspension, or control of this right in any way except through due process in a court of law. As a general principle, we do not support public gun-free zones. (Bill of Rights: 2nd Amendment. Utah Constitution: Article I, Sections 6 & 7)**

Corporate Use of Personal Data

Individuals have a fundamental right to privacy and control over their data; which includes purchases, behaviors, personally identifiable information (PII)–including DNA. Our data belongs to us and not to government, agencies, or private entities. Individuals should be secure in their own–and their dependents'--persons, property, and communications. PII collected by government or corporations must be used solely for its intended purpose. The scope and use of data collected by devices or programs must be transparent and subject to the owner's fully-informed consent. Individuals have rights over their data, including ownership, usage, updates, security, portability, privacy and destruction; as well as, transparency in algorithms and legal protections. Personal data is property and cannot be taken without consent: violations must have legal recourse. (Bill of Rights: 4th Amendment. Utah Constitution: Article I, Sections 7 & 22. Utah Code 53G-6-803: Parental rights)

Government Use of Personal Data

We affirm privacy as a fundamental right. We acknowledge the necessity of the government to process a limited amount of personal data for essential public services. Regulation of government use of personal data is crucial and should limit types and amounts of data collected, require informed consent, provide for transparency in methods of data collection, processing, disposition and expungement, restrict data usage and sharing; and prohibit selling of personal data. We adamantly oppose unlawful government profiling or surveilling of individuals. The right to use physical identification should be guaranteed. Government processes must permit a non-tech option. (Utah Constitution: Article I, Section 7)

Surveillance and Digital Ticketing Prohibition

Government surveillance should be restricted. Although security cameras exist to protect property, surveillance violates the right to certain privacy in public. Broad use of public, facial recognition and automated enforcement of laws should be prohibited. Cameras used for electronic ticketing violate the right to face one's accuser, the right to correction by a first offense or warning, and damage relationships with law enforcement. (Bill of Rights: 4th & 6th Amendments. Utah Constitution: Article 1, Sections 7 & 12)

Parental Rights

Parents or legal guardians are and must be recognized as the final authority in deciding what is best for their minor children. Parents or legal guardians must receive full disclosure and give written permission for any interactions with their minor children such as: healthcare services, outside referrals, educational testing, or communications (e.g., race, gender, or sexuality). A minor child's data must never be collected by or shared with any entity–including government–without a parent's or legal guardian's consent. Parents or legal guardians must be given access to audit minor children's data without limitation. (Utah Constitution: Article I, Sections 1 & 7)

Medical Freedom

Every individual has the inherent right to life and medical freedom, including: the right to try treatments, accept or refuse medical interventions, and receive full, transparent disclosure of risks and benefits. No person can be forced or coerced into healthcare services, including vaccinations or experimental medical procedures, by government or private entities. Fully informed consent is a fundamental right that shall not be infringed. Utah shall uphold these rights against any federal or external interference. (US Constitution: 9th Amendment. Utah Constitution: Article I, Sections 1 & 7)

Freedom to Travel

Every citizen has the inherent right to travel freely without government regulation beyond disability or impairment. Unwarranted tracking of individual movement—regardless of source—must not be utilized by government. Public thoroughfares and their usage are the property of all citizens and equal access to their use shall not be infringed. The government shall not restrict modes of transportation, such as personal vehicles, public transit, or air travel, regardless of age or energy source. Public-private partnerships, or non-governmental organizations do not have the authority to limit travel or modes of transportation through public thoroughfares. Goals—such as zero fatality—are unrealistic and put freedom-prohibiting ideals over needs and quality of life. (Bill of Rights: 10th Amendment. Utah Constitution: Article 1, Sections 1 & 7)

Freedom of Assembly and Association

The right to meet together in communities, of our own making and associations, in any manner for any reason shall not be infringed. (Bill of Rights: 1st Amendment)

Support of Local Government

Local governments allow for greater community involvement and are most aware of the needs of the people. Federal regulations of state and local governments should be restricted to powers specifically enumerated in the Constitution of the United States. **We uphold the principle of the lesser magistrates: when unalienable rights are infringed upon, all levels of government are responsible to protect and defend against usurpations and abuses. The jurisdiction of local municipalities includes planning, zoning, business regulation, and infrastructure. (Bill of Rights: 9th Amendment. Utah Constitution: Article I, Section 1; Article VI, Section 28; Article XI, Section 6)**

Accountable Government

All government officials are accountable to the people~~.~~ **and must be receptive to petitions of redress.** Any government agency or entity that receives public funds must be open to public audit and review. **All levels of government should fully and swiftly comply with citizens' requests for information including GRAMA (Government Records and Access Management Act) and FOIA (Freedom of Information Act).** Elected officials are accountable for all taxpayer money and ~~will~~ **must** not delegate appropriation authority to non-elected or appointed entities.**(Bill of Rights: 1st Amendment. Utah Constitution: Article I, Section 2, Article VI, Sections 1 & 28; Article XIII)**

Ethics and Conflicts of Interests

Elected officials are in violation of their public trust if they are compensated for lobbying while holding public office. Personal advantages achieved through elected positions are an ethical violation and should be avoided while in office and after for at least a two-year cooling off period. Any votes that would financially benefit or provide a quid pro quo to the elected official, their direct family members, or close friends should be avoided by abstention or resignation. (Utah Constitution: Article V, Section 1; Article VI, Sections 9 & 10. Utah Ethics Act: Utah Code Title 67, Section 16)

Elected Officials' Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of elected officials to honor their oath of office and to be individually accountable to it. Their power to act on behalf of their constituents has been given with the highest fidelity. Proactive input from constituents should be equal to or greater than that of other stakeholders. The default vote should always be a "No" vote. Only legislation that has been read and understood, with a clear benefit to the citizenry over special interests, may be eligible for a "Yes" vote. It is the responsibility of a legislator to only propose, and vote "Yes" on, single subject—and not single category-–bills. Legislators should sponsor and floor sponsor as few bills as necessary and should fully understand those bills. If a vote is cast in error, or an action is made in error, it is the responsibility of the elected official to correct the error and continue efforts to right the wrong until rectified. Elected officials should continue their education in the principles outlined in our founding documents. Accessibility, coordination, and communication with Party leadership is both the responsibility of Party leadership and any elected officials. (Utah Constitution: Article VI, Sections 22, Article VIII, Section 2)

Political Parties and Membership

The Utah County Republican Party is a freely associated private Party. Political Parties have the right to hold their own primaries and determine their own method of electing nominees for the general ballot. The right to regulate and control membership and the use of party labels on ballots resides with the Party and not the individual. Political parties have the right to possess, manage, and control their full member data. Parties can remove members for cause. Per United States Supreme Court rulings, government holds no authority in running the internal functions or processes of a private party. (Bill of Rights: 1st Amendment. Utah Constitution: Article I, Sections 1 & 7)

~~Voter Registration~~ Voting

The Party supports needed legislation to ensure the integrity of the voter registration rolls and to reduce voter fraud. **We believe that in-person voting, with voter identification, clear regulations for chain of custody, and verifiability is necessary and instills the most public confidence. Accommodations for alternate paths or early voting for military, disabled, or religious missions should remain to these select groups with extenuating circumstances. Election jurisdiction should remain closest to the people. Municipal elections must remain under the jurisdiction of the local municipalities. All other elections should remain under the jurisdiction of the elected county clerk. (Utah Constitution: Article I, Sections 1 & 17; Article IV, Sections 3 & 8)**

Fiscal Responsibility

Government at all levels should be required to live within a balanced budget. Increases in government spending should not exceed inflation and population growth. **The legislative auditor and state and county auditors should have the authority to audit any entity that uses or defers tax dollars. Services and scope of government should be limited to provide only for basic public needs. Dependence on federal dollars must be avoided. (Utah Constitution: Article VI, Section 33; Article XIII, Section 5)**

National Sovereignty and States' Rights

Ours is a sovereign nation governed solely by the Constitution of the United States of America. Our government shall not relinquish its authority to **other entities,** foreign or world powers. **The State of Utah does not have the authority to negotiate directly with foreign countries or global entities. Powers not given to the federal government are reserved to the State of Utah or its citizens. The State of Utah should reject non-governmental organization (NGO) programs that are contrary to the U.S. and Utah State Constitutions. (U.S. Constitution: Article I, Sections 8 & 10; Article II, Section 2, Clause 2; Article VI, Clause 2. Bill of Rights: 9th & 10th Amendments. Utah Constitution: Article I, Section 3)**

National Defense

We affirm the principles of peace through strength and call for the ~~rebuilding~~ **ongoing development** of our armed services to defend our nation. The United States of America should only be involved in armed conflicts when there is a clear and present threat to our safety or vital national interest. It is the right of the United States Congress alone to declare war. **It is the right of every citizen to refuse conscription and to be a conscientious objector for any moral or religious reason. (U.S. Constitution: Preamble; Article I, Section 8, Clauses 11, 12, & 13. Bill of Rights: 1st & 2nd Amendments; Utah Constitution: Article 1, Section 4)**

PROPER FORM OF GOVERNMENT

The United States of America is a Compound Constitutional Republic based on the rule of law, representatives elected by sovereign citizens to exercise authority on their behalf, and a system of internal and external checks and balances. **The Utah caucus system is in alignment with representative government and guards against the dangers inherent in direct democracies. Political parties have the right to select their nominees through their own processes. We oppose any efforts to subvert these rights. (Bill of Rights: 1st Amendment. Utah Constitution: Article I, Sections 1 & 2; Article VI, Section 1)**

Shared Party Accountability

Public service is a sacred trust, and those who hold office—whether elected or appointed—must be held accountable to the people they serve. Party leaders have a solemn duty to enforce high standards of conduct at every level. Party members share responsibility by promptly raising concerns, challenging improper conduct, and speaking out against misconduct. When they fail to hold officials accountable for abuses or corruption, they share responsibility. Party leaders themselves must answer for their actions, uphold the Constitution, and ensure government operates efficiently, ethically, and faithfully in service to its citizens. (US Constitution: Article 1; Article II, Section 4; Article VI; 1st, 4th-10th Amendment; Utah Constitution: Article 1, Section 1, 2 & 22; Article VI; Declaration of Independence as a moral framing)

EDUCATION

A well-educated and informed citizenry is essential to the long-term well-being of a free society. The primary responsibility for education rests with the student and the family. Parents have the right to choose whether a child is educated in private, public, or home schools, and government ~~should~~ **must** not infringe on that right. To promote excellence, consumer choice in education should be encouraged. Schools or other government entities should not invade the privacy of parents or their children. **Public education's sole imperative is to educate; social and welfare functions are not the responsibility of the education system.** We favor local accountability and control in all aspects of the **public** education system. Public schools must abstain from teaching promiscuity**, favoring any group over another, or providing or facilitating pornography** in any form. **Teaching any ideology that is subversive or destructive to our Constitutional Republic must be ended immediately. (Utah Constitution: Article I, Section 3; Article X, Sections 1,2,3 & 8. Utah Code 53G-6-803: Parental Rights)**

Higher Education

~~Funding for Utah's public higher education institutions should be based on the number of students currently attending that college or university and the type of degrees offered, and not on past history.~~ **Institutions of Higher Education should be self-funded. Institutions that currently receive public funding should provide degrees of value that enrich the community, teach Constitutional principles, and maintain political neutrality. They should not provide ongoing credentialing, engage in social engineering such as DEI and critical theory, and should not be used as a front for other government programs. (Utah Constitution: Article X, Sections 1,2,3 & 4)**

ECONOMY

The proper role of government in ~~economic development~~ **the economy** is to ~~create an environment in which~~ **promote** free enterprise, ~~innovation, investment and risk-taking can thrive.~~ **and enforce a level playing field. Risk and innovation are for the private sector.** In order to create such an environment, we believe the following principles: **(Utah Constitution: Article I, Sections 2 & 24; Article VI, Section 28; Article XII, Section 20)**

Economic Development

Utah's economic growth should be sustained through the principles of free enterprise. ~~We encourage the privatization of public services where appropriate~~. **Government exists to serve the people as a whole, not a privileged few. Its role in industry is to create fair, open, and competitive conditions in which anyone can succeed through effort, innovation, and integrity. Government is not a business, nor should it shape tax policy, regulation, or public spending to favor wealthy individuals or entrenched interests. Any business that receives public funds, subsidies, contracts, or special incentives must be subject to full transparency, public oversight, and accountability. Public resources demand public trust. Government should not extend special interest rates to select corporations. Government must never create monopolies, contracts without expiration, protected markets, or preferential arrangements that prevent others from competing or participating. Long term beneficial relationships between government and private corporations (public-private partnerships) subvert the protections inherent in both. A healthy economy depends on equal opportunity and fair rules where success is earned—not granted through political influence. (Utah Constitution: Article I, Sections 2, 7 & 23; Article VI, Section 28; Article XII, Section 20)**

Regulation

We oppose excessive and restrictive government regulation. Regulation should be minimized, or eliminated, unless a convincing case can be made that the collective good is clearly improved by such regulation. ~~Regular~~ **Ongoing** review of regulatory goals is necessary to ~~insure their~~ **ensure** effectiveness. **(Utah Constitution: Article I, Sections 1 & 24)**

Taxation and Debt

The fruit of an individual's labor should not be perpetually diminished by layered taxation. Taxation should be as **fair,** equitable, simple, and minimal as possible. Limited government dictates that taxpayers should keep the **overwhelming** majority of their money instead of ~~giving~~ **relinquishing** it to **the** government. ~~Utah's system of taxation has improved and government should continue to refine and improve it. Appropriate tax policy is essential if Utah is to compete globally.~~ **Taxation should avoid targeting specific industries or activities for special treatment. Personal property and estate taxes are incompatible with the American Dream and should be eliminated. Individuals should be able to own, and/or pass to their heirs, their property without the threat of tax debt confiscation. Property liens should be prohibited for unrelated debt, including medical debt. We oppose tax structures that compound the government's claim on the same earned income through multiple mechanisms. (Utah Constitution: Article I, Sections 1,2,7 & 22; Article XIII, Sections 2 & 3)**

Asset Forfeiture

The government should not steal—seized assets should be kept only when directly tied to a criminal conviction. Otherwise the assets must be returned with interest.

Infrastructure

~~Funding shall be formula-based to provide an adequate source of funding to develop and maintain Utah County's infrastructure. Decisions need to be made now on how to build the necessary infrastructure to handle growth, or future economic development could be lost, and our quality of life rapidly diminished.~~ **The ownership and accessibility of infrastructure must belong to the public and be under the authority and control of elected officials. Private management arrangements must not grant corporations control over access to essential public resources. Future plans should be conservative, transparent, and responsible. (Utah Constitution: Article I, Section 2; Article VI, Section 28; Article XI, Section 5)**

Housing Jurisdiction

Local municipalities should have primary jurisdiction over planning and zoning—not federal, state, or county governments. A fair and open market should determine pricing. Government-driven mandates, such as density, energy efficiency, and sustainability, undermine consumer preferences, oversimplify complicated market variables, restrict individual and municipal freedom, and perpetuate housing issues. Large corporations and foreign entities should have limits on housing ownership. (Utah State Constitution: Article I, Sections 1 & 22)

Corporate Personhood

All rights are endowed by God to the individual. While we support the traditional legal protections granted to corporations, we do not believe in nor support the concept of corporate personhood. The inherent flaw of corporate personhood is that individuals and corporations have the same legal rights and privileges. This

flaw can allow individuals to multiply their representation unfairly through investments and allows non-citizens to gain access to our system. Corporations are not people and should not be entitled to the same rights and privileges. (Declaration of Independence. Utah Constitution: Article I, Sections 1 & 2)

Consumer Rights

Consumers have the right to repair and modify their own property without facing legal penalties or having manufacturers deliberately disable or impair the product's functionality. Physical money is legal tender and must be accepted. Process patents, including software, stifle inventors and must be prohibited. (Utah Constitution: Article XII, Section 20)

Eminent Domain

The government should never seize private property unless it is absolutely necessary for a critical public need and only after every reasonable alternative has been exhausted. Eminent domain is an involuntary and deeply disruptive action that upends lives. When property is taken, compensation must be generous—reflecting high-market value plus substantial additional payments for inconvenience, emotional hardship, relocation costs, and all related legal expenses. (Bill of Rights: 4th & 5th Amendments. Utah Constitution: Article 1, Sections 7, 14 & 22)

Food Rights

Individuals have the right to plant, grow, raise, and maintain food production on their private property—as long as it doesn't unreasonably interfere with their neighbors. Seeds legally bought that naturally cross-pollinate are not a violation of patents. Individuals have a right to know the ingredients in and origin of their food: labeling and public information should include all ingredients. Food and water should be as natural as possible. (Utah Constitution: Preamble; Article 1, Section 1; Article XVII, Section 1)

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

~~There must be a balance between the economic benefits of growth and the need for clean air, clean water, and a healthy environment. We are stewards of the earth, and we should leave our posterity an earth in better condition than we started with. Market forces should be considered when managing environmental issues.~~ **Energy and environmental policy must consider both the economic benefits of growth and responsible environmental stewardship. Market forces and quality of life should be considered when managing environmental issues. As energy consumption rises, maintaining affordable energy for Utah residents and localized businesses must be prioritized over the needs of outside business interests and the allocation of resources for out-of-state consumption. Societal participation based on individual environmental impacts must be prohibited. We believe in informed and dispassionate discussions on the scientific processes including empirical, measurable, and objective facts that influence complex public policy. We support policies that establish, promote and maintain Utah's leadership in energy production and exports. We do not support energy policies based on political trends and propagandized environmental language, such as sustainable or renewable, for corporate advantages or global agendas. Carbon is a fundamental and necessary element of existence. The measuring, reporting, tracking and commoditization of carbon usage must be prohibited. (Utah Constitution: Article I, Sections 1 & 7; Article VI, Section 28)**

Land, Water, and Natural Resources

State and local governments are granted the responsibility of protecting land, water, and other natural resources for the betterment of the citizenry. This responsibility includes protection from global, federal or conservation acquisitions or partnerships in perpetuity. (Utah Constitution: Article XVII, Section 1; Article XVIII, Section 1; Article XX, Section 1)

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JUSTICE

~~Law enforcement agencies and the judiciary~~ **All branches of government** ~~should~~ **must** strictly uphold the law in the exercise of their duties and work with citizens to maintain **free and** safe communities. **The federal and state constitutions supersede all laws, and it is the responsibility of these agencies to fully know and understand these documents. Administered Constitution exams for law enforcement, appointed judges, and federal, state, and local legislators should be required. (Utah Constitution: Article I, Sections 2, & 26; Article 4, Section 10)**

Crime ~~Prevention~~

The primary defense against crime is a stable and responsible family life that emphasizes personal accountability and respect for the law. Swift and certain punishments with just and appropriate penalties are essential deterrents to crime. We support reducing recidivism by actively engaging families, friends, and communities to support reintegration. **For first time nonviolent offenders, alternatives to incarceration provide cost-effective solutions that uphold personal responsibility using limited government intervention. Politically-motivated prosecution or punishment due to any perceived political nature of a crime should never occur. (Utah Constitution: Article I, Sections 1, 7, 8 & 12)**

Victims' Rights

Victims' rights are always superior to **convicted** criminals' rights. Victims' right**s** of restitution should be required of criminals. **(Utah Constitution: Article I, Sections 7 & 12)**

Judicial System

Each individual is entitled to a trial by jury in both criminal and civil cases. It is the duty of juries to rule on the law as well as the facts of a case. We call upon the judiciary to reestablish this process and to inform juries of this duty. State senators must hold thorough hearings for all judicial nominees, and members of the Judiciary should undergo regular reviews. The results of such reviews should be a matter of public record. We support the appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of human life. Judges should not make statute but apply it. **(Utah Constitution: Article I, Sections 10 & 12)**

Precedent

Legislation from the bench in the form of precedent can re-establish both good and bad rulings; therefore, precedent must not be the basis for law or used to deny the rights of citizens. Referencing previous rulings can be used as a tool in legal evaluation. (Bill of Rights: 6th Amendment. Utah Constitution: Article I, Sections 7 & 12)

Juvenile Crime

Juveniles who are charged with ~~a serious violent crime~~ **serious, violent, or heinous crimes** should be tried as adults, acknowledging that in some instances the judicial system must use discretion when dealing with young offenders. **The justice system must first protect the community at large. We value the rehabilitation of juvenile offenders when possible.** ~~We support adult punishment for the conviction of adult crimes.~~ We call for swift, just, and appropriate punishment for adults who aid in the commission of crimes by juveniles. **(Utah Constitution: Article I, Sections 7 & 9)**

IMMIGRATION

We support an immigration system that is legal, safe, orderly and humane, and protects our national security. We support the Constitutional mandate for the federal government to protect and secure our national borders from illegal immigration and **to** enforce current immigration laws. We oppose the use of taxpayer funds to provide benefits for illegal immigrants. **All immigration should be for the benefit and well-being of the citizenry.** We welcome immigrants who enter America through legal avenues. America is a stronger and better nation because of ~~the~~ **immigrants'** hard work**,** ~~and~~ entrepreneurial spirit**,** ~~of immigrants.~~**, pursuit of the American Dream, and support of our Constitutional Republic. Communities should encourage policies of assimilation. (U.S. Constitution: Article IV, Section 4. Utah Constitution: Article 1, Section 3)**

SOCIAL SECURITY

Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid ~~have become entitlements~~ **are** far beyond the minimal safety net they were intended to be. **"Entitlement" programs such as Medicaid and Social Security Disability (SSD) are separate and distinct from Social Security and Medicare. Earned benefit programs are funded through their contributors and should be repaid to their beneficiaries. Medicaid and Social Security Disability are entitlement programs and are separate from earned benefits.**

Means testing to deny earned benefits is theft. We call for urgent and significant reform which returns to the principles of free-market choice and financial self-reliance.

SOCIAL NEEDS

Family

We believe that marriage consists only of the legal union between a man and a woman and that no other domestic union should be recognized as a marriage or given the same or substantially equal legal effect. Parents have the right to bear children (or otherwise add children to their families), to determine their own family size, and to determine what is in their best interest without interference from government. We encourage all efforts to strengthen the moral character of our children and oppose policies, practices, and public expressions that degrade humanity and the sanctity of family relationships. We oppose efforts to include sexual orientation as a protected class. **The family is the fundamental unit of a healthy society. Although exceptions occur, circumstances differ, and outcomes vary, traditional roles are the societal ideal in the rearing of children. (U.S. Constitution: Preamble. Utah Constitution: Article I, Section 1; Article I, Section 29)**

Protection of Human Life

We affirm the fundamental, unalienable right to life for both the born and the unborn. We oppose using public funds for abortion or to support any organizations that promote abortion. Abortion should be illegal except where the life of the mother is at serious risk, **the fetus will not be viable at birth,** or the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest. All people should be protected from abuse and exploitation. **We are committed to empowering mothers through compassionate support, access to resources, and alternatives to abortion. We strongly support adoption as a life-affirming option and advocate for policies that protect the vulnerable and uphold the dignity of every human life. Government should never serve as a barrier to adoption. Furthermore, respecting life at all stages also means opposition to the legalization and practice of assisted-suicide. (Utah Constitution: Article I, Sections 1, 4, & 9)**

Personal Agency and Accountability

Individuals have the primary responsibility for their own welfare. Family, church, and private organizations should provide secondary support when needed. The focus of assistance programs should be the development of self-reliance. **(Utah Constitution: Article I, Section 1)**

Gambling

We oppose all efforts to legalize ~~gambling in any form~~ **formal gambling. (Utah Constitution: Article I, Section 27)**

Pornography

Pornography is destructive to the individual, family, and the community. We support the vigorous prosecution of those who create, distribute, or promote pornographic materials, especially in connection with children. Local communities have the right to establish moral and ethical standards. **(U.S. Constitution: Preamble)**

All Republican elected officials, candidates and party officers are expected to endorse these principles and agree to be held accountable to the people and to the party. **(Utah State Constitution: Article I, Section 2; Article VI, Section 1; Article VIII, Section 2)**

References to documents at the end of each plank are not part of the platform. These references are provided for educational purposes and to show how these documents and our Platform align.

Keri Guinn
UCRP Education Officer

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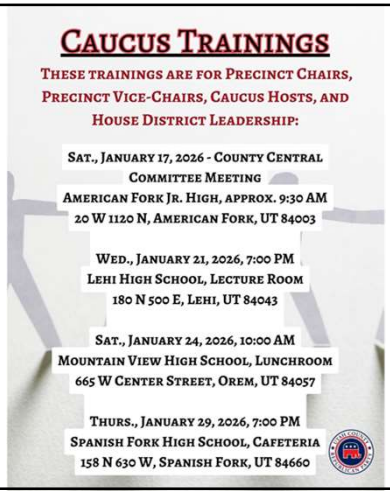

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Utah Republican Party
Neighborhood Caucus

March 17, 2026

Check-in begins at 6:00 pm

Meeting begins at 7:00 pm

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What is a Neighborhood Caucus?

Definition: A caucus is a meeting or grouping of supporters or members of a specific political party or movement.

All registered Republican voters in Utah are invited to attend their neighborhood caucus. At the caucus we elect representatives called delegates who will spend many hours studying and interviewing candidates for public office, then vote to determine which of them will represent the party in the primary or general election. Delegates also vote on the party platform, determine the rules the party operates under, and elect local party leadership.

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The Caucus System

- Involves ordinary citizens in the political process
- Allows for proper vetting of candidates by our elected neighborhood caucus delegates
- Provides a way for those with less money and prestige to get into office based on principles
- Holds representatives accountable to the people

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Why use the Caucus Convention System?

The caucus convention system protects our elections from being dominated by the wealthy and famous. It focuses more on the qualifications and ideas of the candidates and less on their name recognition or their spending ability. It forces the candidates to have to answer hard questions and to explain themselves and what their principles and values are.

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Purpose of Caucus

- Elect State Delegates, County Delegates and Alternates
- Elect Precinct leadership

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GOALS for Caucus Night:

- Exciting (not boring)
- Efficient
- Engaging
- Educational
- We want precincts to become more active and the voters to want to become more aware and involved!

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Donate UCRP

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Donations!!!!

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Strength of the Party

Data = Communication

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Caucus size will vary!

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What are the Objectives of Caucus?

- To be FAIR, EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT (Robert's Rules of Order)
- To educate voters in the precinct about the importance of the Caucus Convention System
- To educate voters in the precinct about the Republican Party Platform and the principles we believe in as a party – the values that unite us
- To elect representatives who reflect the values of the voters in the precinct who understand the duties and responsibilities of the Precinct Officer or Delegate position and promise to their friends and neighbors that they will fulfil those duties and commitments

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Rules of Order

- The State Party, through its governing documents (bylaws section 10.0 A,B,C), sets the rules for neighborhood caucus elections. These rules are created to promote a welcoming, open, and efficient neighborhood caucus election experience
- **The rules are also designed to create a standardized procedure throughout the State and to ensure a fair and level playing field for all attendees. These rules cannot be suspended in whole or in part**
- Every participant has an opportunity to speak to an issue once before anyone can speak twice. If time limits or extensions on debate/speaking become necessary they can be imposed by a majority vote of the participants
- A motion to adjourn is out of order while business is pending
- No petitioning or signature gathering will be permitted inside of caucus proceedings or the facilities reserved for caucus business

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4-6 Weeks before Caucus Night (Feb. 3-Feb. 17)

- Verify your location with House District Chair
- Recruit Volunteers
  - Distribute flyers (4-6)
  - Check-in and New Voter Registration (6-12)
  - Hand out Ballots & Ballot Collection (2-8)
  - Ballot Counters who do not desire to run for a position during caucus (groups of 3 – Reader, Writer, Watcher)
  - Greeter/Usher for door(s) (1-2)
  - Timekeeper (1)
  - Prayer & Pledge
  - *Signup.com/Sign-up genius*
- Distribute a "save the date" flyer (ask for volunteers)
  - Digital flyer available on Utah County Republican Party Telegram channel
- Visit your location
  - Verify room/decide set-up
  - Number of chairs
  - Number of tables
  - Sound system
  - White board
  - American flag
  - Projector & screen or tv
  - Test WIFI in several locations (ask for password)
  - Locate bathrooms, drinking fountains & exits, ADA compliance – elevators
- Attend training
- Host your own meeting(s) to plan your caucus and train all volunteers *(this is critical to the success of your caucus)*

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Republican Party
NEIGHBORHOOD
VOTING PRECINCT CAUCUS

Save the DATE

March 17, 2026

Check-in begins at 6:00 pm
Meeting begins at 7:00 pm

Precinct 25LI05

Please go to **vote.utah.gov**
now to update your registration or
complete a new registration
before caucus

For more information contact Keri Guinn (801)400-2502
keriguinn6@gmail.com and visit UCRP.org

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Caucus: Representation as close as your own neighborhood

Be informed and involved

Caucus Night
March 17, 2026 @ 6p.m.

Save the Date!

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1-2 Weeks Before Caucus Night (Mar. 3 – Mar. 10)

- Advertise Caucus Night
  - Put up at least 3 signs
  - Post on social media
  - Distribute a second flyer explaining caucus and the duties of precinct officers and delegates, remind them to check their voter registration to make sure its updated, what to bring
- Review the caucus packet & know the caucus rules
- Visit your location if you haven't already
- Make sure all volunteers are trained
- Encourage precinct members to pre-register (if applicable)
- Gather Your Materials
  - Caucus packet, wristbands & signs from House District Chair
  - Nametags (optional but recommended)
  - Ballots & Ballot Boxes (gallon-sized reclosable bags work)
  - Sharpies
  - Tally Sheets/Instructions
  - Pens & Pencils
  - Laptops
  - Voter Registration Forms
  - Precinct Maps

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Second Flyer

- More detailed information about caucus
- Include location & check-in time 6:00 pm
- QR code and information on pre-registration
- Reminders to bring photo ID, donations, notebook and pen

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Social Media/Communication

- Create a Facebook Page for your Precinct
  - Name it UCRP EM410 House50 (UCRP, precinct, house district)
  - Change the cover photo to the precinct map boundary
  - Make House District Chair an Admin
  - Add everyone that shows up to Caucus night
  - Share relevant information and create engagement
    - > UCRP posts
    - > Events
    - > Election information
    - > Candidate information

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Day Before Caucus

- Download voter information in the app (more information to come)
- Print out and prepare absentee/out of state military and religious ballots (if applicable)
- Print out any handouts/instructions/ballots/forms/charts (it is a good idea to print each type of handout on a different colored paper)
- Make/print signage (coordinate with House District Leadership)
  - Precinct name
  - Arrows
  - QR codes
- Finish gathering materials
- Remind your volunteers of the time, location, what you need them to bring
- **Note: Caucus supplies are provided by the Precinct leadership, and are considered an "in-kind" donation. If needed, caucus hosts can reach out to members of the precinct for supplies or donations*

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Caucus Night - Room set-up 5:00 p.m.

- Make sure you have signs at the entrances of the buildings that identify which caucuses are meeting in the building and in which room(s)
- Please use blue painter's tape!
- Have an usher at the outside entrances helping answer questions and reminding them to quickly pre-register if they haven't already
- Make sure you have plenty of posters/signs identifying your precinct room and check-in area
- Arrows are extremely helpful!
- Post several QR code signs as many places as possible so multiple people can be using them

**Note: It is an option for multiple caucuses in the same building to meet together for the beginning of the caucus meeting and then split up at nominations and elections time*

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Caucus Night: Room set-up cont.

- Set up check-in tables, chairs and equipment
- Designate area and set up tables for ballot counting
  - Tally sheets & instructions
  - Pens
  - Paper
  - Sticky note pad (for separating ballots into piles)
- Set up projector/tv for playing UCRP platform video (highly recommended)
  - Must be DOWNLOADED ONTO YOUR HARDDRIVE!
- Designate table/area for sign-up sheets, handouts and caucus attendance roll
  - Self-nomination
  - Delegate Agreement (fill out before meeting begins)
- Set up speech area
  - with mic and speaker (if needed)
  - white board w/dry erase markers
  - ballots – different color for each race, or printed & pens or pencils
  - ballot boxes (or clear gallon-sized reclosable bags)
- Post or write convention dates – there is no sense in participants running for a delegate position if they cannot attend the convention(s)
- Make sure your volunteers are there by **5:30 p.m.**!

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Extras

- Ideas for going above and beyond with your caucus:
  - Create a handout with your precinct's elected officials and their co
  - US Constitution trivia
  - Utah Government trivia
  - Hand out copies of the Bill of Rights
  - Hand out pocket Constitutions
  - Make a patriotic playlist and play from a Bluetooth speaker between 6-7 as people wait for the meeting to start
  - Comic relief
  - Have patriotic or informative videos playing, or create a slide show with information, trivia, etc. that loops from 6-7
  - NAMETAGS (these can be purchased off Amazon pkg 390 for $5.99)

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QR Codes

- Have several QR codes posted for participants to be using before they check in:
  - Precinct Locator (to make sure they are in the right place)
  - vote.utah.gov (to prove their registration)
  - Pre-registration
- After they check in:
  - Donate to Utah County Republican Party
  - ucrp.org (to educate voters that UCRP has a new and improved website!)

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vote.utah.gov

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Donate

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ucrp.org

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Check-in Tables set-up

- Supplies:
  - Pens
  - Clipboards
  - Sharpies (if doing nametags)
  - Extra phones, tablets, laptops (hot spot if possible)
  - Registered voter lists - printed
  - Registration forms & basket or box for completed forms
  - Wristbands
  - Nametags
  - Copies UCRP Platform for each attendee
- Five types of voters:
  - Pre-registered
  - Not pre-registered, but in the system
  - Withheld – registered but does not show in the system
  - New Registration
    - New voter – registering for the first time
    - Moved into precinct
    - Affiliating as Republican
  - Absentee ballots, military & religious ballots (box or envelope to put in after verifying)

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Who can participate at caucus? (State Party Constitution Article 1)

- A Utah citizen who resides in the precinct
- 18 by this year's general election – Nov 3, 2026
- Registered Republican
  - May affiliate that night – fill out registration form
  - New registrations may register that night – fill out registration form
    - New residents must show proof of address
  - May not be an officer, delegate, candidate or registered affiliated voter of any other rival political party
  - Those who affiliate that night or after the closing of the declaration of candidacy filing period from another political party may not run to be a delegate or precinct officer, but may otherwise participate

**Note – anyone may attend and observe the caucus as long as they do not commit a breach of decorum and provided there is available space for all credentialed participants. If needed, an individual may be asked to leave by the Caucus Host.*
***No petitioning or signature gathering will be permitted inside of caucus proceedings or the facilities reserved for caucus business.*

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UTGOP Bylaw 10, A, 5

- Any individual who was registered with a rival political party, or who was not verifiably registered as a Republican in the official state voter registration database, as of the end of the earliest declaration of candidacy filing period for offices appearing on that year's primary or general election ballot, shall not be eligible to run for or be elected as a precinct officer or delegate or to be a replacement until after the first state party convention since registering Republican. Such individuals may attend the caucus, vote in caucus elections, and participate in discussions and other activities. This restriction does not apply to individuals who were unregistered to vote in Utah or registered as unaffiliated before changing their affiliation to Republican.

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Pre-registration

- Every attendee is encouraged to pre-register for caucus
  - Name (same as voter registration, Driver License –should match)
  - Date of birth
  - Home address (should match voter registration)
  - Email
  - Cell phone
- The app will send an email with a QR code, but you can also just search on their name, etc. and it will pull up

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Check-in process

Pre-registered:
- Voter shows QR code on their device
- Shows photo ID
- Verify the information matches
- Mark “credentialed” in system

Not pre-registered:
- Shows photo ID
- Find the voter in the system – verify and update any missing info
- Mark “credentialed” in system

Withheld status (does not pull up voter info in system):
- Voter goes to vote.utah.gov, pulls up voter information
- Shows photo ID
- Verify the information matches
- Mark “credentialed” in system

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New Registration

- Must attend in person
- Fill out printed registration form
- *Have a sample form available to view with required fields highlighted for quick reference to ensure it is completely and properly filled out*
- Must bring proof of address
  - Recent utility bill or other bill, or property tax form
- Must show government-issued photo ID

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Absentee Ballots

- Registered Republican qualified to participate
- Has an unavoidable conflict that prevents them from attending in person
- May ask a registered republican who also lives in the precinct and is a qualified participant to bring an absentee ballot to caucus on their behalf
- It is incumbent on the absent participant to know and vet potential delegate and leadership candidates and write in their names
- A participant may bring a maximum of 3 additional ballots of neighbors in the precinct
- A participant may also bring any absentee ballots from household members residing at the same address

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Absentee Ballots continued…

- Absentee ballot must meet the following conditions to be valid:
  - Sealed in an envelope with a signature of the voter across the seal
  - Be accompanied by a photocopy of the absent participant’s government –issued ID and their credential or email receipt from the pre-registration process
  - ID and credential can be attached to the outside of the envelope if the voter desires a “secret ballot” – verify signature and return the photo ID to participant who brought it
  - The name on the ID must match their voter registration file. If it does not match, the absent participant must provide the correct address that matches their voter registration file
  - The Caucus host must be able to verify their voter registration status and affiliation to the Republican Party
    - Via credential from pre-registration
    - Lieutenant Governor’s website (vote.utah.gov)
- Valid ballots shall be included in all applicable rounds of voting

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Military & Religious Out-of-State Ballots (**UOCAVA)**

- Must be registered Republican
- Request must be made with the state party 72 hours before the caucus begins to ensure it is counted
- Must specify what specifically is prohibiting them from attending in person
- Once the person is verified in the pre-registration process, they may cast their "ballot" via email
- The caucus host and deputy host (vice chair) will ensure that the ballot is included in all rounds of voting for local positions

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After Check-in

- Attach a wristband (provided by county) as an official voting credential - voters MUST be wearing a wristband in order to cast a ballot
- Issue a nametag (optional)
- Hand them a copy of the Party Platform
- Direct them to the table with sign-up sheets, delegate agreements, caucus attendee rolls, information, etc. – *you may want to assign a volunteer to make sure a delegate agreement is filled out beforehand by anyone planning on running for an officer or delegate position*
- You may want to have the UCRP platform video playing during the check-in hour until the meeting begins at 7:00 pm. This video is available for download on ucrp.org

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Last Resort:

- Use printed sign-in sheets
  - Show photo ID
  - Sign in
- If not on list
  - Use vote.utah.gov to prove voter registration
  - Show photo ID
  - Sign in
- New voter, moved, affiliate as Republican
  - Fill out registration form
  - Show proof of address
  - Show photo ID
  - Sign in

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Agenda

- The State Party sets the agenda (State Party bylaws section 10.0 A,B & C)
- The individual precincts do not adopt or amend the agenda
- Only the business set forth in the agenda may be conducted at this meeting
- Each meeting will follow the same format
- *If this agenda is violated in any way, we ask that a written complaint be filed and submitted to the Executive Committee for investigation so that disciplinary action may be taken*

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Agenda (per state party bylaws) Meeting begins 7:00 p.m.:

- Welcome/Introductions
- Prayer & Pledge - Assign before meeting starts
- Reading of the State or County Platform (or show Video)
- Review of Rules, Procedures, Duties of Precinct and Delegate Positions
  - Read Delegate Agreement
- Nominations and Elections for:
  - Precinct Chair
  - Precinct Vice Chair
  - Precinct Secretary /Treasurer
  - State Delegates
  - County Delegates
  - Alternates
- Other Business as directed by State and/or County Parties including solicitation of donations
- Election Judges
- Adjournment of the Meeting

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Nominations

- Ask for a final credential count from the check-in table volunteers. Ballot counters will record the number (make sure each round of balloting never exceeds the number credentialed)
- **Read the duties of the office/position** before opening nominations – make sure to stress that it requires a significant time commitment
- Nominations can be made in advance or be taken from the floor
- Self-nominations may be made on a sign-up sheet prior to the meeting
- Write on the board the names of those who signed the self-nomination sheet, then open nominations from the floor
- Candidates may self-nominate or be nominated by someone else – seconds are not necessary
- Only participants may nominate
- Only those qualified to participate may be nominated
- A nominee need not be in attendance
- Nominations are to remain open until no additional nominations are offered
- All candidates must be willing to accept the nomination and agree to the duties and time commitment of the position
- Keep a visible list (on whiteboard) of all current candidates
- *If these rules are violated, we ask that a written complaint be filed and submitted to the Executive Committee for investigation so that disciplinary action may be taken*

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Speeches

- Candidates get 30 seconds to address the caucus, unless a majority of the caucus wants to give them more time (recommended).
- The caucus may also choose to ask them for information such as:
  - Support for the party platform – what principles and values are important to them?
  - Why are they running?
  - Positions on issues of interest
  - Employment – past and present
  - Personal views
  - Are they committed to putting in the time and work to do the role properly?
  - Will they attend all the meetings and conventions that are expected of them?
  - Has a specific candidate asked them to be a delegate for them?
- Questions such as "who would you vote for?" or "will you vote for so-and-so in the convention?" are not appropriate. Delegates must vet the candidates, and give <u>all</u> of them a fair chance before deciding how to vote.

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Elections

- All delegate and precinct leadership elections shall be determined by majority vote (majority = an integer greater than half)
  **Note: majority threshold guarantees that more than half of the precinct support a candidate to represent them. This eliminates outliers that do not truly represent the precinct.*
  **Ties shall be determined by a coin toss*
- The precinct may choose the method of voting:
  - Multiple round voting
  - Preference voting

  **Note: the precinct may make this decision once for the whole evening, or before each election. For this reason, the caucus host should be prepared for both multiple round and preference voting*
- Voting will be by secret ballot in contested races
- Election results can be declared by *acclamation* if only one nominee is submitted for any given position, or the number of candidates is less than or equal to the number of seats

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Elections

- The precinct may also choose to bundle the precinct officer/delegate positions (by majority vote). Here is how they come automatically:
  - Precinct Chair is also a State Delegate and a County Delegate
  - Precinct Vice Chair is also a County Delegate

  **However, your precinct can vote to bundle a state delegate position with the vice chair, or combine the state and county delegates. The secretary and treasurer position may also be combined and/or bundled with a delegate position.*

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Make sure the candidates are vetted

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Elections

- After the candidate speeches and questions, you will then get a credential number from the check-in table and declare balloting open (usher will stand at the door during balloting)
- Voters must show their wristband; one ballot collector will mark the wristband while the other ballot collector will hold the ballot box/gallon bag and accept the ballot
- After everyone has had a chance to vote, you will close balloting
- Ballots will be turned over to ballot counters (non-candidates), including absentee ballots & military and religious ballots. Caucus host or their designee shall open all *absentee ballots* at the beginning of the precinct meeting and sort them into their respective elections to ensure they are counted
  - Ties are determined by a coin toss
  - Each candidate may provide a poll watcher if they choose
- While you wait for ballots to be counted, verify **caucus attendee rolls** and **donation envelopes** are being filled out and passed to everyone – encourage donations!
- Announce number of votes in order of nominations – congratulate winners
- Make sure winners know the dates and times for the county and state conventions (these dates should be posted in the room before check-in)
- Be sure to elect alternates for state and county delegates. They must win by a majority vote and in ranked order (UCRP Bylaw 6). The state delegates may be elected to serve as alternates for county delegate, and the county delegates may be elected to serve as alternates for state delegate

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Adjournment of Meeting

- Make sure you have county election judge volunteers – they do not need to be voted on
- Thank everyone for coming and participating
- Adjourn the meeting
- Newly elected Precinct Officers and Delegates – don't leave yet!
  - Collect personal data – please verify text and email before they leave
  - Make sure all delegates have filled out and signed the Delegate Agreement
  - Distribute handouts describing their duties, and upcoming events they need to attend, especially Central Committee Meeting on Saturday, March 21
  - Invite them to regularly check their email and attend training and "Meet the Candidates" events

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After the Meeting

- Collect all your paperwork, ballots, extra wristbands, etc.
- **Take pictures or scans of everything** before submitting it at the end of the night – the originals will not be returned to you
- Take down all posters, QR codes, and tape
- Fold up chairs and tables, put away, straighten up the room – leave it nicer than you found it
- Leave a thank you note

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Reporting Results

- Caucus host is responsible for reporting the results of the Precinct Officers and Delegates to their respective House District Chair
- Caucus host shall place all ballots with accompanying tally sheet related to each election in a separate sealed envelope or zip closure bag
  - Each precinct leadership position, state delegate, county delegate, alternate delegate race – in a separate sealed bag or envelope with accompanying tally sheet labeled with position, precinct, date & House District. New Precinct Chair keeps for 1 year.
- Precinct Chairs will take a photo or scan of all ballot reporting forms

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Reporting Results continued…

- House District Officers will be responsible for uploading the results to the Utah GOP electronic data system
- County Party leadership will review the results electronically before they are considered official and shared with the public

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Deliver These to Your House District Officers *That Night*

- Precinct Officer/Delegate information form filled out – FILL IN YOUR PRECINCT NUMBER, be sure you have PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL for all elected officers and delegates
- Delegate Agreements –filled out and signed
- Completed Voter Registration Forms
- Caucus Check-in sheets (**all** sheets with signatures)
- Caucus Attendee Roll
- Election Judge sign-up form
- Donation envelope – make sure the money is counted, with a witness, the envelope is sealed, and signed across the seal by both the counter and witness, and precinct information is written on the envelope
- Unused wristbands
- **Don't throw anything away! Turn everything in to your HD!**

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Now let's talk about the packet!

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Packets will include:

- Donation envelope
- Elected Precinct Officers and Delegates info (reporting) sheet
- Elected Alternates info (reporting) sheet
- Delegate Agreements (make copies)
- Copy of the UCRP Platform (make copies)
- Copy of Voter Registration Form (make copies)
- Wristbands
- Self-nomination sign-up sheet (make copies)
- Attendance roll (make copies)
- Election Judge sign-up sheet
- Meet the Candidates, Training & Central Committee Meeting notice for each delegate, Precinct Chair and Vice-Chair
- Instructions for post-caucus

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You will receive your packets & signs from your House District Chair

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The newly elected Precinct Chair will take office at the conclusion of the meeting

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FOR MORE INFORMATION AND DOWNLOADABLES GO TO ucrp.org

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Upcoming Training:

For Precinct Chairs, Precinct Vice Chairs, Caucus Hosts and House District Leadership

Wed., January 21, 2026, 7:00 PM
Lehi High School, Lecture Room
180 N 500 E, Lehi, UT 84043

Sat., January 24, 2026, 10:00 AM
Mountain View High School, Lunchroom
665 W Center Street, Orem, UT 84057

Thurs., January 29, 2026, 7:00 PM
Spanish Fork High School, Cafeteria
158 N 630 W, Spanish Fork, UT 84660

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More Upcoming Events:

March 21, 2026: Central Committee Meeting Saturday 9:00 a.m., New Delegate Training following at 12:30 p.m. with a Meet the Candidate event immediately following the training from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Additional Meet the Candidates Events - Location TBD – Check ucrp.org calendar regularly

March 27, 2026: UCRP Lincoln Day Dinner, Show Barn at Thanksgiving Point, 6:00 PM
April 18, 2026: County Nominating Convention, Location TBD, Saturday, 9:00 AM
April 25, 2026: State Nominating Convention, UVU, UCCU Center Saturday, 9:00 AM

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CAUCUS PROVIDES A TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY!

Let's take advantage of the great opportunity we have with the upcoming caucus night. As leaders in the party, we can make it an enjoyable, educational, unifying night and leave a good impression on those who may not be as active in politics. Let's encourage all of our family, friends and neighbors to want to be more involved in the Republican Party!

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For questions and additional training requests, please contact your District Chair or District Education Officer
(contact info on ucrp.org)

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Let's put on a *great* caucus!

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Officer Reports: Chair

Cristy Henshaw

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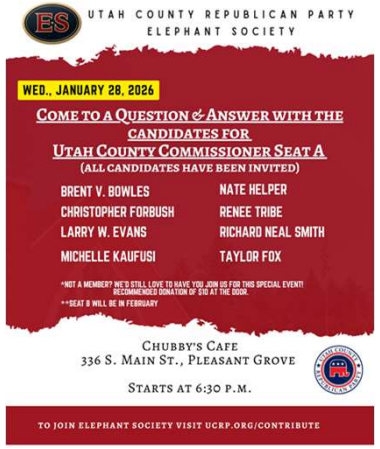

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UCRP Current Member of the Elephant Society

Joey Smith	Crystal Muhlestein	David Nonu
Jennifer Chamberlain	Linley Duncan	Phil Shepherd
Janese Christensen	Toby Simmons	Ben Summerhalder
Brad Solomon	Bennett Cookson	Mac Sims
Lori Le	Cole Kelley	Mark Cluff
Michael Murdock	Kirby Glad	Sean Whyte
Jan Eyring	John Standage	Keri Guinn
Pam bOgden	Stan Jensen	Nathan Guinn
Dwayne King	Corey Bodily	Patrick Sherrill
Kraig Thorne	Amelia Powers Gardner	Melissa Clark
Rachael Smith	William Rawlings	Thomas Thorpe
LaNae Millett	Jill Hansen	Jeffrey Hartley
Robert Bennett	Chalise Seipert	Jeff Ogden
Jacob Jeppson	Clark Snelgrove	Rae Campbell
Roger Wood	Cathy Young	Marilyn Momeny
Jean Rivera	Lowell Nelson	Wendy Hart
Lynda Shumway	Grace Rex	Melissa Holiday
Leah Hansen	Elaine Augustine	Ernest John
	Hannah Peterson	

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So many great LCC meetings and town halls happening! Thank you to the many legislators who have met with their House and Senate Districts lately to go over legislative priorities and to find out how they can both be of assistance during the upcoming session.

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Officer Reports: Vice Chair

Charles Wood

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Municipal and School Board Endorsement Winners

- Steve Sparti - Aspen Peaks SD
- Nicki Brammer - Aspen Peaks SD
- Melissa Sauser - Lake Mountain SD
- Joylin Lincoln - Lake Mountain SD
- Julie Myers - Lake Mountain SD
- Grace Rex - Timpanogos SD
- Andrew Young - Alpine City Council
- Sara Blackwell - Alpine City Council
- Scott Smith - Highland City Council
- Liz Rice - Highland City Council
- Paul Binns - Lehi City Mayor
- James Harrison - Lehi City Council
- Rachel Freeman - Lehi City Council
- Crystal Muhlestein - Orem City Council
- Lanae Millett - Orem City Council
- Zack Stratton - Vineyard Mayor
- Parker McCumber - Vineyard City Council
- Jacob Wood - Vineyard City Council
- David Lauret - Vineyard City Council
- Katrice McKay - Provo City Council
- Charles Pipkin - Goshen Town Council

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Municipal Endorsement

- 33 (78.57%) advanced in the primary election
- 21 (63.64%) primary winners won their general elections
- 24 (85.71%) of municipal endorsed candidates advanced past the primary
- 15 (62.5%) of those primary winners securing victory in the general election
- Changes to candidate agreement
- Will not be asking for $50 donations on the application
- Municipal issues are party platform issues–like taxation, zoning and land use, public education policy, law enforcement, housing development, and social programs

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Censure of Amelia Powers Gardner

- Censure Issued: January 1, 2026, by Utah County Republican Party Executive Committee
- Reason: Misrepresentation of residency during credential challenge at Senate District 21 special convention (November 2, 2024)
- Key Violation: Claimed to still live/own home in Pleasant Grove (in SD 21) and pay utilities there, allowing her to vote as delegate
- Evidence of Move:
  - Signed 1-year Lehi lease (outside SD 21) on August 14, 2024
  - Occupied Lehi home from August/early September 2024 (moved belongings, new church ward, slept there regularly)
  - Sold Pleasant Grove home (ownership transferred October 9, 2024)
  - Voted in general election as Lehi resident on November 5, 2024
  - Travel reimbursements & utility records confirm Lehi residency

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Censure of Amelia Powers Gardner

- Legal/Party Standard: Principal residence changed to Lehi per Utah Code § 20A-2-105 (intent to live there); UCRP bylaws disqualify delegates who move out of area
- Process:
  - Complaint by 17 delegates → Independent investigation (100+ hours, records, interviews, GRAMA requests)
  - Hearing on November 21, 2025; Gardner presented defense
  - Executive Committee votes: 18-2 ineligible to participate; 17-3 guilty of misrepresentation → Penalty: Censure
- Party Position: Actions undermine integrity, trust, & ethical standards; urges responsibility, transparency, & restoring confidence

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Officer Reports: Secretary

Kirby Glad

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Important Upcoming Dates!

- March 17, 2026 — Precinct Caucus
- March 21, 2026 — Central Committee Meeting
- March 27, 2026 — Lincoln Day Dinner
- April 18, 2026 — County Convention
- April 25, 2026 — State Convention

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Outreach Committee Update

- Rising Leaders meeting co sponsored by the Outreach Committee, Congressman Kennedy's Campain and Rachael Smith's Compnay, with about 50 young conservatives.

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Officer Reports: Treasurer

Mark Cluff

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2025 Budget

Starting Balance	2025	Actual Q1	Actual Q2	Actual Q3	Actual Q4	YTD
Start Balance	40,000.00	29,170.00	45,688.56	31,572.21	22,456.99	40,000.00
INCOME						
Lincoln Day Dinner	30,000.00	52,738.39	2,150.00			54,888.39
County Meetings	1,500.00	462.38				462.38
Convention	5,000.00		1,077.25			1,077.25
Precinct Caucus Donations	-					-
General Donations (Uncategorized)	5,000.00		100.00	3,722.91	245.32	4,068.23
Elephant Soceity	5,000.00	1,094.59	292.91	6,461.80	2,153.88	10,003.18
Bank Interest	70.00	9.78	11.41	8.84	5.94	35.97
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	46,570.00	54,305.14	3,631.57	10,193.55	2,405.14	70,535.40
Balance before expenses	86,570.00	83,475.14	49,320.13	41,765.76	24,862.13	110,535.40
EXPENSE						
Candidate Support	-		(3455.30)	(9222.76)	(4507.65)	(17,185.71)
Central Committee Meetings	5,000.00	(3,867.04)	(784.16)	(2,974.52)	(1,315.17)	(8,940.89)
Committee Support	1,000.00	(806.64)	(712.47)	(283.06)	(1,603.11)	(3,405.28)
Other Outreach	5,000.00	(1,074.20)				(1,074.20)
Convention	15,000.00		(5,625.85)			(5,625.85)
Precinct Caucus Expenses	-					-
Discretionary Expenses	2,000.00		(1,261.13)	(736.15)	(234.48)	(2,231.76)
Education & Training	1,000.00					-
Events (Picnic, Concert, etc)	1,000.00					-
Legal Counsel	-					-
Legislative Districts	1,400.00		(257.96)			(257.96)
Lincoln Day Dinner	15,000.00	(29,547.20)	(300.00)	(1000.00)		(30,847.20)
Rallies/Meet the Candidates	-		(4,394.44)	(1,284.14)		(5,678.58)
Financial Review (Biennial)	1,000.00					-
Technology (Audio/Visual, Hosting & Development)	4,000.00	(202.00)	(704.61)	(3,095.58)	(969.86)	(4,972.05)
Other Monthly Expenses (Storage Unit, email service, etc)	6,000.00	(2,289.50)	(252.00)	(712.56)	(1,610.35)	(4,864.41)
TOTAL CASH PAID OUT	57,400.00	(37,786.58)	(17,747.92)	(19,308.77)	(10,240.62)	(85,083.89)
Cash Reserve	29,170.00	45,688.56	31,572.21	22,456.99	14,621.51	25,451.51

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